



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 10, 2009

Meeting Time: **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

Meeting Location:

U.S. Air Force Academy Fire Training Center

Thank you to Steve Wallace and Diane Strohm for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Introductions- Meeting began at 1:12.
2. Approval of Minutes- Motion made, 2nd and passed approving the November 12th meeting minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report- Walt Seeley reported a beginning balance of \$6,715.50 and same ending balance. A total of In-kind, to-date for the years, of \$6,294 was reported from members.
4. New Business
 - a. Additions to By-laws were presented by Jill Alexander. These will be finalized for adoption, tentatively, at the January meeting.
 - b. Elections will be held at the January meeting. At this point, Walt Seeley has offered to run for Treasurer, and Keith Worley has offered to run for President. Other positions to fill are Teller, Douglas and El Paso County V.P.'s, and Secretary's position.
 - c. 2009 accomplishments were recapped. These included the Burning Tree Mitigation Project, Santa Fe Trail Project, Fall Luncheon, Web Site Update, Be Aware Wildfire Fair, Smokey's Birthday celebration. 2009 ends with the financial situation of the group in good shape and membership goals met.
 - d. 2010 Projects are due by February 1st for consideration at the February business meeting.
 - e. Pueblo Evacuation Workshop report was given by Keith, with the suggestion that PPWPP consider offering similar workshops.
 - f. January Meeting- Manitou Springs Fire Station. PPWPP to purchase lunch and meeting time set for 12:00. Andrew will coordinate lunches with everyone to pay for their own. Motion was made, 2nd and passed for PPWPP to purchase lunches and be reimbursed by each member.
 - g. Motion made, 2nd and passed to continue an annual donation to a non-profit organization. Motion made, 2nd and passed to donate funds to the Salvation Army.
 - h. Dues Structure- Walt was authorized to set up on-line credit card payment system for payment of dues and donations. Motion was made, 2nd and passed, increasing annual dues to \$15 for individuals and \$35 for organizations/agencies/businesses.

5. Old Business
 - a. Campfire Soup project by Dawn Sanchez was recognized nationally for its concept. She presented the final product as a “bank”. The current supplier is www.kbemblem.com. Retail availability to be announced at a future date.
6. Committee Reports- Nothing to report.
7. County Reports –
 - a. El Paso-
 - i. El Paso OEM is using its ARRA grant to complete its county CWPP.
 - ii. CUSP funds are available for mitigation projects in the South Platte Watershed area. Marti Campbell has returned to assist.
 - iii. USFS- The Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative was awarded the Regional Forester Award for its on-going mitigation efforts.
 - iv. Garden of the Gods project completed recently by The Natural Way.
 - v. Cheyenne Mountain State Park projects to begin soon.
 - vi. State Park fuel treatments are being set for treatment by Colorado Youth Conservation Corp.
 - vii. Colorado Springs is lining out its Neal Ranch and Bear Creek Park projects.
 - viii. Colorado Springs Forestry has cut most of its department.
 - ix. Air Force Academy is setting up a 40 acre forest management area. AFA successfully completed its cone harvesting effort. Slash pile burns are also being set up for 2010.
 - b. Douglas-
 - i. Jill Alexander reported on additional fuel treatments scheduled for the Spruce Mountain Open Space. Dawson Butte Open Space is nearing completion with 190 acres treated by Swingle Tree Service. Work is beginning on the Douglas County CWPP. The Douglas County Interface Drill for April 2010 is in planning stages. The Bayou Gulch prescribed fire was reported as successful.
 - ii. Keith reported Perry Park’s USFS project will start at the end of the year. New project layout will begin soon on the Larkspur Properties ownership this winter on 33 acres.
 - c. Teller-
 - i. Brent Botts reported on completion of 300 acres of treatment under the 2,000 acre stewardship contract. Vail Assoc. is spearheading a reforestation effort on the Hayman Burn. Over 7,000 Christmas trees were cut on the Ranger District.
 - ii. Dave Root reported the HB-1180 projects are under review for award.
8. Upcoming Events-
 - a. PPWPP elections at the January meeting. **Meeting time is 12:00 at the Manitou Springs Fire Station.** (Absence at the meeting does not exclude anyone from being elected.)
9. FYI-
 - a. Barry Morris will be leaving C. Spring Fire to return to Missouri. We wish him luck in his future endeavors.
 - b. Sheryl reported on new Smokey teaching aids available to school teachers (www.symbols.gov). Work has begun on debris burning PSA’s

for spring launching. A new Smokey DVD will be available soon. The Fire Prevention Team training is set for April 12th. Sheryl needs your ideas.

10. Next Meeting: January 14th, at the **Manitou Springs Fire Station.**

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season from the 2009 Board

11. Motion made, 2nd and passed to adjourn at 2:37.

2010 Dues are now DUE
(\$15 individuals, \$35 orgs.)